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MECHANICAL FASTENERS ON  
DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT  
ARTICLES

## Preliminary Amendment B

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner preliminarily amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to replace the Preliminary Amendment filed April 3, 1997, which was not clear. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his cooperation in this matter.

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### In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-34 as originally filed without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed thereby.

Please prosecute claims 35-51 as originally filed which read as follows:

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35. A package of disposable absorbent articles comprising a plurality of said disposable absorbent articles wherein each of said disposable absorbent articles includes an outer cover, a bodyside liner, an absorbent core disposed between said outer cover and said bodyside liner, and at least one mechanical fastener, wherein said at least one mechanical fastener is releasably engaged with said disposable absorbent article to protect said mechanical fastener before said disposable absorbent article is handled by a user.